

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, the Office noted that claims 1-3, 9-12, 15 and 20 were pending and rejected claims 1-3, 9-12, 15 and 20. No claims have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 1-3, 9-12, 15 and 20 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for interviewing the Applicant on the afternoon of February 5, 2009. In the Interview we discussed the prior art of Dorenbosch, U.S. Patent No. 6,963,739. In the Interview, it was pointed out that Dorenbosch may well forward a unique ID, but that it was not of the software license instance. The Examiner stated that such an argument should be made in the response to the Office Action.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Brunner, U.S. Patent No. 5,771,275 in view of Dorenbosch, U.S. Patent No. 6,963,739 in further view of Yoshihara, U.S. Patent No. 6,643,291. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

Brunner discusses a standard telephone network environment including cell phones, with differing cells of cell phones served from differing networks.

Dorenbosch discusses an ad-hoc wireless network that receives from the infrastructure designation information identifying a target mobile station, and stores the designation information.

Yoshihara discusses a protocol conversion method where a first communicating device on a first protocol is connected to a second communicating device on a second protocol via conversion of each to a third protocol. The "communication terminal apparatus as discussed in Yoshihara provides "identification information" which appears sufficient to identify the terminal apparatus is in communication "the own apparatus."

On page 3 of the Office Action, it is acknowledged that Brunner does not disclose "the profile including the MAC address of the wireless network interface and the unique identifier of the software license instance," as in claim 1, but instead asserted that Dorenbosch, lines 22-50 of column 3 do disclose such a feature.

However, Dorenbosch, col. 3, lines 44-50 state

Identity representations may include a uniform resource identifier (URI), an Internet Protocol (IP) address, a Media Access Control (MAC) address, an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) number, an International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI), or a temporary identifier assigned by the wireless system.

Thus, the Applicants acknowledge that Dorenbosch discusses a MAC address. However, further search of the reference shows nowhere is a software license mentioned. Thus, while in Dorenbosch other members may be considered unique, they have nothing to do with software license unique ID.

Yoshihara fails to disclose such a feature. Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above, Brunner, Dorenbosch and Yoshihara, taken separately or in combination, fail to render obvious the features of claims 1 and 15 and the claims dependent therefrom.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-3, 9-12, 15 and 20 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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